

2024 Update

Project Fact Sheet

Under RCW 36.70A.130, Snohomish County and its cities/ towns are required to:

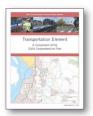
- Plan for the succeeding 20 year population and employment growth forecast; and
- Review and revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the GMA.

The deadline to complete the update is June 30, 2024.

GMA Comprehensive Plan

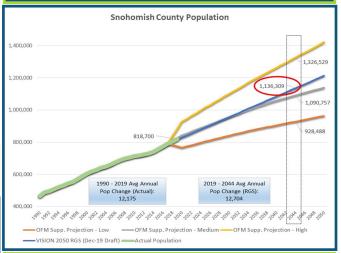
The comprehensive plan is comprised of four separate documents and serves to guide County decisions and services on a wide range of topics. It also expresses the 20-year vision of unincorporated Snohomish County through goals objectives, policies and maps. Separate elements contain inventories, forecasts of future needs and financing strategies.







Population Forecasts



Buildable Lands Report (BLR)

The BLR documents the urban densities that are being achieved within both the city and county portions of the Urban Growth Area (UGA). Based on the densities achieved, the report determines whether each UGA has an adequate supply of suitable residential, commercial and industrial land to accommodate the population and employment growth projected to occur during the remaining portion of the 20-year GMA planning horizon.

Project Timeline (subject to change)

#	Project/Task	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Vision 2050	?				
2	Buildable Lands Report					
3	Countywide Planning Policy Update					
4	Set the 2044 Initial Growth Targets					
5	Office of Financial Management Issues 2044 Forecast					
6	Set the Initial Docket					
7	GMA Compliance Review					
8	Comprehensive Plan Policy Review					
9	State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review					
10	Planning Commission Briefings and Hearings					
11	County Council Briefings and Hearings					
12	Public Participation					

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Project Components

2044 Growth Targets

Establishing the Population, Employment and Housing targets for the period from 2024 to 2044. The process involves negotiations between Snohomish County and the individual cities/towns.



Transportation Element Update

Updating the inventory of existing transportation infrastructure, forecast and cost of future transporation facilities and funding mechanisms to finance projects over a 20-year horizon.

Park & Recreation Element Update

Updating the inventory of existing park infrastructure, forecast and cost of future park facilities and funding mechanisms to finance projects over a 20-year horizon.

Capital Facilities & Utilities Element Update

Updating the inventory of existing capital facility and utility infrastructure, forecast and cost of future facilities and funding mechanisms to finance projects over a 20-year horizon.

State Environmental Policy Act Review

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process identifies and analyzes environmental impacts associated with different future growth scenarios. The public will be invited to provide input on the scope of the environmental analysis. Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) will be prepared based on three growth scenarios.



Policy Review

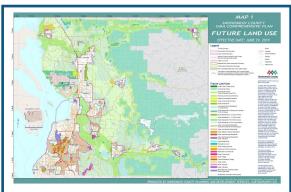
Review the comprehensive plan policies, which provide direction to on-going and future planning efforts, development regulations and the vision of Snohomish County. Policy areas include:

- Population and Employment
- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Parks and Recreation
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Economic Development
- Natural Environment
- Interjurisdictional Coordination

Compliance Review

Involves reviewing which changes made to the Growth Management Act since 2015 need to be incorporated into the comprehensive plan and development regulations. Changes identified under compliance review may be adopted prior to the June 30, 2024 deadline.

Maps



Possible updates to several maps including, but not limited to:

Future Land Use	Zoning		
Transportation	Capital Facilities		
Parks and Recreation	Open Space		